## THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

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Name of Tribal Organization:

Three Affiliated Tribes, Tribal Business Council, Fort Berthold Reservation, New Town, North Dakota

Place of Meeting:

Conference Room, New Town, No. Dak.

Quorum present: Yes

Special Meeting

Chairman James Hall called the meeting to order on May 26, 1960.

Present: Thomas Bluestone, Guy Fox, Charles Fox, James Hall Sr.,

Leland Hall, Valentine Wells, John White, John Wilkinson,

B. J. Youngbird.

Tardy: Charles Fox, Valentine Wells

Absent: John Starr

Chairman James Hall called on Mr. McKay.

Mr. McKay: I want to tell something about elections. Stated that he is working for Davis group, the Republican Committee. He was instructed to contact Indian Reservations for the Republicans.

Vice President Nixon will be here in Minot, North Dakota. To get some Indians to come to Minot June 2nd or 3rd to make arrangements to welcome Mr. Nixon June 20, 1960.

They want some of the Tribes to adopt him and present him with a present. June 2 or 3rd, it will be a great honor to adopt a Vice President of the U. S. A.

We need help and we feel Indians will get help if our needs are known such as claims and other pending bills in the U.S. Senate.

Chairman James Hall: How many can go to Minot on June 2 or 3, 1960.

John White made a motion that two should go from here. Second, motion carried.

On June 2 or 3, 1960, two should go to make arrangements for June 20, 1960.

Chairman James Hall & B. J. Youngbird to make arrangements, June 2 & 3rd, 1960.

Chairman James Hall stated that he and Guy Fox wish to go to Lame Deere and Crow Agency to see about lumber and rails for corrals, get prices and place to get lumber and corral rails.

B. J. Youngbird stated that he is going anyway to Lodge Grass, Montana and he will check on it and report back.

Motion made that the Health Committee go to Aberdeen, South Dakota June 15 & 16, 1960 and on to Vermillion, South Dakota on P. H. and We Shake Hands meeting. Motion second, motion carried.

George Foote Jr. emphayment agreement. By George Foote Mr., and Tribal Council as second part. Agreement read and explained to the Tribal Councilmen.

Motion made to approve the agreement until July 1, 1960. Second, motion carried. 7 for, none opposed.

Mr. Morken introduced B.M.B.I. Mr. Furiman. A survey to determine the use of moneys of Missouri Dam Projects. M.R.B.I. report No. 157.

- 1. 1948 large livestock men, 85 or more cattle.
- 2. 1949 medium livestock men, 50 84 head.
- 3. Small operators
- 4. Steady Job and livestock men operators.
- 5. Wage earners.
- 6. 50 years and older
- 7. 40 and 39
- 8. 30 and under

People who left the reservation 1949 were left out on this investigation.

We have all the information. What we want to know, how people's reports compare to the information we have. How much land we lost and how much we have bought back. How you spand your moneys, lands, livestock, homes etc.

We are investigating if you are better off now or worst off. Education, schools, living conditions etc. We are visiting to find out how your house, water and etc. The reason for this investigation is a request from Congress.

Chairman James Hall stated that he was interested in rehabilitation programs

B. J. Youngbird stated that we made an agreement with the U. S. Army. Congress directed Army to come and sit down with Fort Berthold Indians and drew up an agreement, we did just that, thinking that was it.

Lemke of North Dakota, House of Representative and Senator Young were with us all through the taking of our land for Garrison flood control, only for flood control.

Our contract was waste paper basket, we were cheated very badly. They promised to refund our funds we used to go to D. C. and give us back free use of the taken area and freecuse of electricity from Garrison Dam project.

We are not satisfied. Now what are we doing, survey for what, investigation for what?

Mr. Morken stated that the Washington Office will not recognize if they are not Tribal Council members or proper delegation from the Tribal Councils.

Commissioner and Secretary's Office are very much concerned about people coming to D. C. stating they are representing people. The elected people are your representatives, who can speak for you, not self appointed people.

Roy R. Senger of Charlson N. Dak., offered to sell a well drilling machine and equipment for \$2500.00. He also gave a list of items and the prices.

Chairman James Hall: You heard what Mr. Senger had to offer, what is the deal now? Let us have some discussion on it.

Council members discussed the deal and the offer that Mr. Senger made. Some thought the machine was to complicated for anyone to operate. Some of the members thought that a boring machine was cheaper.

Mr. Senger stated he would teach anyone how to operate the machine if the Tribe purchase the outfit.

Chairman James Hall: Let us have some action. What do you plan on doing now?

Charles Fox: My recommendation would be to purchase a boring machine.

Motion made to purchase a boring machine. Second, motion carried. Vote: 7 for, 1 abstention.

Guy Fox: The reason I did not vote is that I don't know the difference on the machines. The drilling and boring machines.

Chairman James Hall: Adrian Foote is here he has a question to ask.

Adrian Foote: We had two meetings on this Constitution and Bylaws, do I get paid for the two meetings I attended?

Chairman James Hall: If you have two meetings in one day, you get paid for the day like anyone else.

Adrian Foote: That is what I wanted to know.

Motion made to give the Chairman the authority to talk to the Superintendent on checks mailed out to individuals that owe on the Emergency Loan. Second, motion carried.

Motion made to adjourn. Second, motion carried.

/s/ Valentine Wells, Secretary Tribal Business Council